

County Court Judge

★2002 General Election Ballot★

QUALIFICATIONS: (Article V, Section 8, Constitution of the State of Florida, Florida Statutes 34.021)

1. Registered voter of the State
2. Resident of Miami-Dade County
3. No judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which he or she has served
4. Member of Florida Bar for at least five (5) years prior to qualifying

TYPE OF ELECTION: Nonpartisan

ELECTION AREA: Countywide

TERM: Six (6) years

Reference: Constitution of the State of Florida, Article V, Section 10

SALARY: \$117,000.00 **

ELECTION DATES: September 10, 2002 – Primary
November 5, 2002 – General Election

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS, FEES AND FORMS

Qualifying for county office begins noon, Monday, May 13, 2002 - noon, Friday, May 17, 2002.

Reference: Florida Statutes 105.031, 2002 Senate Bill 618

Regular Qualifying Method (Section 99.061, F. S.)

During the qualifying period the following must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department.

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE 9).
A Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84) must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment.
Additionally, a Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office (Form DS-DE 83) must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment.
2. Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate (Form DS-DE 26)
3. Financial Disclosure (Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests) along with any other forms applicable.
4. Pay filing fee of **\$4,680.00** (which is 4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2002) with a check drawn on Campaign Account as prescribed in Florida Statutes, Chapter 106 made payable to Board of County Commissioners.

Alternative Method of Qualifying (Section 105.035, F. S.)

During the qualifying period the following must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department:

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE 9).
A Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84) must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment.
2. Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party (Form DS-DE 26.)
3. Financial Disclosure (Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests) along with any other forms applicable.
4. Petition signatures of 1 % **(8,342)** of the total registered electors (834,234) in the geographical area of candidacy.

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures he or she may still pay the qualifying fee.

WHO CAN SIGN PETITIONS

Any registered elector in the geographical area of candidacy may sign a petition.

WHERE TO OBTAIN PETITIONS

Petition cards (Form DS-DE 104) may be obtained from the Miami-Dade Elections Department beginning January 9, 2002 through April 19, 2002, by filing the Alternative Method Affidavit (Form DS-DE 15) with the Miami-Dade Elections Department prior to collecting petitions between January 9, 2002 and April 19, 2002.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PETITIONS

No later than noon, April 22, 2002 – Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the Miami-Dade Elections Department. There is a 10 cents per name fee for verifying signatures, which must be paid upon submission petitions, or the candidate may file an undue burden oath with the supervisor of elections in each county in which petitions are submitted to waive the cost of verification.

May 10, 2002, 5 pm – Supervisors of elections must certify the number of valid signatures to Division of Elections.

WRITE-IN METHOD (Section 99.061, F. S.)

During the qualifying period the following must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department.

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE 9).
A Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84) must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment.
2. Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates (Form DS-DE 26A)
3. Financial Disclosure (Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests) along with any other forms applicable.
4. No qualifying fee required.

A blank space will be provided on the general election ballot for names of write-in candidates to be written in.